



# ST MARGARET'S

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### SPRING 1: Week 1

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*Proverbs 22:6 'Train up a child in the way he should go:  
and when he is old, he will not depart from it.'*

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of yet another inspiring term, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate the incredible activities and opportunities that have enriched the lives of our pupils in recent weeks.

This week, we are thrilled to host our **Mini Masterworks exhibition**, a wonderful showcase of the children's artistic talents. Taking place on Wednesday and Friday, this event will give families the chance to purchase the children's published, framed artwork. Each piece reflects the creativity and effort that your children have put into their work, and we hope you will take pride in their accomplishments as much as we do. We encourage you to come along and celebrate the fantastic artists of our school!

In an exciting new venture, we have launched a **Formula 1 international project** in collaboration with a school in India, as part of our ongoing focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). This project aims to foster global connections and inspire innovation as pupils from both schools work together on exciting Formula 1 challenges. Furthermore, a dedicated team of pupils is working hard to develop their designs and ideas as we prepare to represent our school at the regional London finals in February. We are immensely proud of their hard work and enthusiasm as they tackle this exciting opportunity!

As always, we are inspired by the energy, creativity, and commitment that your children bring to every new endeavour. These experiences not only build their skills but also foster confidence and broaden their horizons. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement—it plays such an important role in making these opportunities possible.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful time as we head into the weekend, and we look forward to seeing many of you at the Mini Masterworks exhibition!

Mrs S Bannon  
Headteacher

**love... joy... patience... kindness... self-control**

A Big

# THANK YOU



## St Margaret's Primary School

for supporting Barking foodbank's Harvest Appeal 2024

Your donations make a BIG difference to local people in crisis.

Barking foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.



Registered Charity Number: 1157921 | Registered in England and Wales



We would like to thank your school community for their kind donation of items for our Harvest Appeal 2024. St Margaret's Primary school donated a fantastic 222.7Kg of non perishable food and toiletry items in October 2024.

Given the economic crisis, the ever rising cost of living, and a consequential drop in donations, we would like you to know that your generous donations helped us enormously in meeting the increased demand for food parcels. Support from communities like yours will enable us to face the challenges of providing help to the most disadvantaged among us, through Barking Foodbank.



*Mini*  
*Masterworks*  
Art Exhibition

**Wednesday - 15th January 2025**  
**Reception & Years 1 & 2**

**Friday - 17th January 2025**  
**Years 3,4,5 & 6**

**@ 3.15pm in the school hall**

Your child's piece of artwork will be available to purchase at the event.  
Art work will be £18.00 per piece of art

Cash or card can both be taken

# Attendance of the week:

Well done to

Year Rk  
99.07%



For Winning 'Attendance of the Week'  
with the best attendance of:  
96.76%

## Attendance

Many of you may have seen media coverage regarding the importance of school attendance and the increase in penalty notice tariff.

Our school is working with the services of Education Welfare Advisory & Support Service Ltd who will be supporting us in monitoring attendance.

As a school, we want to support you but we will challenge and enforce irregular attendance without justifiable cause.

Please note, we will require medical evidence for absences of 5 days or more or where patterns of absences emerge. In addition, persistent lateness will be closely monitored and leaves of absence during term time will not be granted in accordance with government guidelines. If taken, a penalty notice will be served.

Please contact the school office if you would like any support with your child's attendance.



## Polite Reminder

Gates open at 8.30am for Soft Start.

Please ensure your child comes to school by 8.45am or they will be marked late.



If your child has sickness, vomiting or diarrhoea they must stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode.

## School Uniform

Please ensure your child is coming into school with the correct uniform with the St Margaret's logo on them.

NO trainers to be worn - Black school shoes only. PE kits are essential

NO dangly / hanging earrings / hoops. ONLY small studs should be worn.



# Women's Wellbeing

Peace & Grace CIC

WOMEN'S FUN CREATIVE ART THERAPY GROUP FREE  
EVENT/CRECHE/ LIGHT-BREAKFAST



## DATE

**MONDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 2025 @ 8:45 AM - 10:15 AM**

**VENUE: ST MARGARET'S COMMUNITY HALL, NORTH STREET, BARKING.**

**FIND OUT MORE : [INFO@PEACEGRACE.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@PEACEGRACE.CO.UK)**

**TEL:07588026626**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU**

# Term Dates

2024 - 2025



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